

# BUILDERS' GUIDE

## Fight On War Tax To Start

Relief from taxation of motorists who still are paying war taxes on motor cars and accessories five years after the close of the war, which will be urged upon Congress when it convenes next fall, by the National Motorists' Association, may finally be successful if the reported attitude of the president toward tax revision is correct. Congress has already relieved the public of taxes upon numerous non-essential articles, chewing gum and the like, while failing to act with respect to commodities connected with an essential element of business, the motor car.

The president is reported to have indicated an intention to take up tax revision on a broad scale with the new Congress. While the N. M. A. hopes he will do this and that Congress will listen to his suggestion, it nevertheless will take steps itself to present to the committee on ways and means of the House at the first opportunity the injustice of continuing to tax a necessity while at the same time relieving a non-essential.

## Small Towns Adopt Zoning Plan System

Zoning systems are now being adopted in many of the smaller towns throughout the United States.

A year ago only 55 cities, towns and villages in the entire country were zoned. Today there are 109. Of the towns zoned in the last year, 14 had populations of from 5000 to 10,000, while 12 had 5000 inhabitants or less.

These small towns, a zoning expert says, have learned to anticipate future growth and to avoid the mistakes made in larger cities as a result of delayed town planning.

## Optometrists Want Autosits Eyes Tested

Members of the American Optometrical Association in convention in Chicago went on record in favor of legislation that would require automobile drivers to pass an eye test before being granted licenses. The optometrists claim many accidents are due to impaired vision.

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## PLANS BIGGEST LUMBER YARD IN WORLD

### Timber From Vast C. C. Acreage to Be Made Into Lumber in L. A.

T. C. Wendley, representative of one of the largest firms dealing in timber, lumber and timber land in the country, was a fellow passenger with City Engineer J. J. Jessup of Torrance on a recent trip to San Francisco and informed the latter of many of the details of the contemplated establishment of a mammoth lumber yard and mill at San Pedro.

The company is now said to own hundreds of square miles of timber land in British Columbia with a frontage on the ocean of several hundred miles. It is their intention of logging off their land and trimming the trees into squares that will be shipped to their plant in San Pedro, there to be cut into lumber.

It is said the larger part of the timber will square from two to three feet. These will be loaded into vessels belonging to the company and on arrival at San Pedro re-cut into every conceivable form of commercial lumber.

The plant at the harbor that adjoins the Los Angeles Shipbuilding site will contain, in addition to the largest lumber yard in the world, one of the largest lumber mills in existence, surpassing in capacity those even of Puget Sound where millions of feet of lumber are now cut daily.

In commenting on the advent of the plant into Southern California Mr. Wendley said that its establishment would settle for all time the record of the San Pedro harbor in the handling of lumber and that it would go far in making it one of the leading harbors of the world. The company Mr. Wendley represents now owns three large lumber carrying vessels and plans to immediately build a fleet of similar vessels.

One thing worse than having a job is a wife working in a laundry where every day is wash day.

## Club Ready To Help Tourists

What is probably the most extensive investigation of possible fishing, camping and hunting localities in the West has just been completed for motorists by the Outing Bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Every county from San Diego to the Columbia River west of the Sierra Madre and Cascade Mountains has been visited by Auto Club experts in order to be prepared for the spring and summer rush of autoists who are planning to take to the mountains and streams for sport purposes.

Hundreds of the best trout streams have been explored and scores of forest rangers, old time fishermen, hunters, trackers, guides and packers were interviewed regarding camping, fishing and hunting conditions.

Recreation maps are being drawn at the Auto Club showing the best camping sites, fishing streams, hunting grounds, waterfalls and places of special interest to persons planning a trip. Full information is now available at the Club offices for the opening of the trout season, which is May 1.

Five thousand miles was covered by the outing bureau of the Club during a state-wide survey of outdoor "playgrounds." All motorists who wish to avail themselves of this accurate fund of information should call at any Club office or telephone before starting on a camping trip.

## YORK-STATE FOLKS PICNIC

Dr. George H. MacNeill, phone 64523, president of the New York State Society of Southern California, calls on all who have ever lived in that state to meet for the great picnic reunion, all day, Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Come as early as you can and spend the day with friends. There will be county registers and headquarters so that one can find the old neighbors even with five thousand present. There will be a brief program opening about two o'clock, but the main purpose will be to have a good time. Former residents are all invited and should attend so as to make this the greatest picnic in our history. Bring your baskets well filled and share with friends. Coffee will be served free to all who buy the souvenir badges. Tables can be reserved for college, county, or town reunions. Each one who learns of this picnic is asked to pass the word along.



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